

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment, The undermentioned Gentlemen to be Second Lieutenants:—

Sydney William Phipson Beale. Dated 28th April, 1897.

John Herbert Luscombe. Dated 28th April, 1897.

3rd Volunteer Battalion, the Welsh Regiment, Captain D. C. Carmichael is granted the honorary rank of Major. Dated 28th April, 1897.

3rd Glamorgan, Lieutenant J. I. Evans resigns his Commission. Dated 28th April, 1897.

4th (Nottinghamshire) Volunteer Battalion, the Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire Regiment), Lieutenant-Colonel E. H. Nicholson is granted the honorary rank of Colonel. Dated 28th April, 1897.

1st Volunteer Battalion, the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), Second Lieutenant J. D. Laurie to be Lieutenant. Dated 28th April, 1897.

1st Herefordshire, Edwyn Christopher Rankin, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 28th April, 1897.

1st Volunteer Battalion, the Manchester Regiment, Henry Clayton Darlington, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 28th April, 1897.

5th (Ardwick) Volunteer Battalion, the Manchester Regiment, Captain and Honorary Major J. P. Peacock resigns his Commission. Dated 28th April, 1897.

1st Volunteer Battalion, the Highland Light Infantry, The undermentioned Gentlemen to be Second Lieutenants:—

John Ralston Watt. Dated 28th April, 1897.

James Dunn Dunn. Dated 28th April, 1897.

Ronald Johnstone. Dated 28th April, 1897.

3rd (The Blythswood) Volunteer Battalion, the Highland Light Infantry, Alexander Moncur Spence, Gent., to be Quartermaster. Dated 28th April, 1897.

3rd (Renfrewshire) Volunteer Battalion, Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), Captain and Honorary Major J. Pollock resigns his Commission; also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Battalion on his retirement. Dated 28th April, 1897.

7th Middlesex (London Scottish), Second Lieutenant W. W. Strode resigns his Commission. Dated 28th April, 1897.

15th Middlesex (The Customs and the Docks), Charles Herbert Seabrooke, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 28th April, 1897.

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL STAFF CORPS.
The Manchester Companies, Surgeon-Captain I. J. E. Renshaw resigns his Commission. Dated 28th April, 1897.

MEMORANDA.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve of the 1st Haddington Volunteer Artillery being amalgamated with the 1st Midlothian Volunteer Artillery, and of the Officers at present serving in the 1st Haddington Volunteer Artillery being considered to have received Commissions in the 1st Midlothian Volunteer Artillery of the same rank and date as those at present held by them. Dated 28th April, 1897.

Her Majesty has also been graciously pleased to approve the formation of a Volunteer Corps to be designated

"The Electrical Engineers, Royal Engineers (Volunteers);"

and to sanction the following appointment to the command, viz.:—

John Hopkinson, Esquire, to be Major, under the provisions of paragraph 55A of the Volunteer Regulations, 1896. Dated 28th April, 1897.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Stafford.

William Bealey Harrison, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 17th April, 1897.

DRAFT REGULATION UNDER THE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT, 1896.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice, pursuant to section 1 of "The Rules Publication Act, 1893," that They have made a draft Regulation under "The Friendly Societies Act, 1896," and that copies of the draft Regulation can be obtained at the office of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, 28, Abingdon-street, Westminster, upon payment of 3d. per copy.

April 24, 1897.

WHEREAS by "The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880," the killing or taking of any kind of Wild Bird during the period between the 1st day of March and the 1st day of August in any year was prohibited:

Now I, the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896, and for special reasons which have been placed before me in an application from the County Council of the County of Essex, do hereby make the following Orders:—

1. During the period from the 15th day of August in any year to the 1st day of March following, the taking or killing of the following kinds of Wild Birds is prohibited throughout the County of Essex:—

Nightingale, Goldfinch, Lark, Nightjar, Green Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Kingfisher, Cuckoo, Barn Owl, Tawny Owl, Long Eared Owl, Short Eared Owl, Kestrel, Buzzard, Honey Buzzard, Merlin, Hobby, Osprey, Wryneck (Cuckoo's Mate or Snake Bird), Swallow, Sand Martin, House Martin, Swift, Bearded Tit (Reedling or Reed Pheasant), Shrikes, Magpie, Wheatear, Stonechat, Whinchat, Red Start, Fly Catchers, Sedge Warbler, Reed Warbler, Black Cap, Garden Warbler, Wood Warbler, Willow Warbler, Chiff Chaff, White Throat, Lesser White Throat, Long Tailed Tit, Nuthatch, Wren, Golden Crested Wren, Pied Wagtail, Yellow Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Hawfinch, Linnets, Common Bunting, Snow Bunting, Landrail or Corncrake, Coot, Chaffinch, Tree Creeper.

2. I hereby exempt the whole County of Essex from the above Order except the portion lying within the Metropolitan Police District and also the parishes of Epping, Epping Upland, Theydon Bois, Theydon Garnon, and Lambourne.

3. The time during which the taking and killing of Wild Birds is prohibited within the County of Essex shall be extended so as to be